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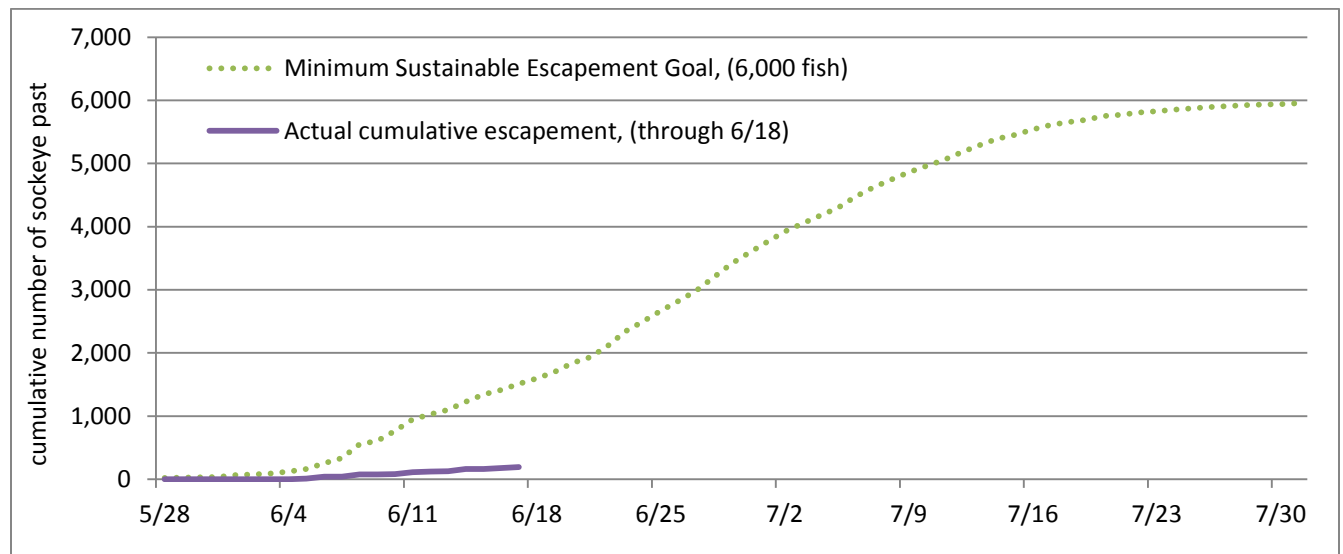
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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery News Release #6

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Subsistence salmon fishing in both the Port Graham and English Bay sections of the Port Graham Subdistrict will close at 10:00 PM on Friday, June 22 to all subsistence harvest.

As of June 18, a total of 191 sockeye salmon had passed and been counted at the English Bay weir. In order to achieve the minimum **Sustainable Escapement Goal** of 6,000 sockeye salmon by July 31, a total of 1,600 salmon should have been counted by June 18. Regular subsistence fishing periods are anticipated to resume when escapement past the English Bay River weir is tracking to meet the Sustainable Escapement Goal. Cumulative escapement past the English Bay River weir is shown below,



In addition, should escapement through the English Bay River weir meet the Sustainable Escapement Goal **and** provide subsistence opportunity for residents, the department may also allow Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association to harvest up to 5,000 sockeye salmon for hatchery broodstock.

The next scheduled salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Friday, June 22.

Announcement recordings are available on the 24-hour telephone recording in the Homer office at 907/235-7307.

Additionally, announcements, inseason harvest data, and escapement data are available at the following web address:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyarealci.salmon>

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